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Glen Canyon News Release

New Endangered Fish Exhibit at Carl Hayden Visitor Center

Page, Ariz. – Visitors to Glen Canyon National Recreation Area now have the opportunity to see the endangered bonytail fish up close and personal at the Carl Hayden Visitor Center. The National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources recently installed a new aquarium exhibit featuring the fish. The exhibit is intended to educate visitors about endangered species and the recovery program for the fish.

The bonytail is native to the Colorado River and its tributaries. This minnow is the rarest of all fish species in the Colorado River basin, with no known reproducing populations in the wild. Bonytail are raised by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources at the Wahweap Fish Hatchery near Big Water, Utah. Bonytail raised at this hatchery are stocked into the Colorado River upstream of Lake Powell in an attempt to reestablish breeding populations.

The National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources will be hosting a short reception on Thursday, June 15, 2006, at 3:30 pm at the Carl Hayden Visitor Center. The public is invited to join the agencies in welcoming the bonytail to their new home.

The Carl Hayden Visitor Center is located at the Glen Canyon Dam, near Page Arizona. Currently, the visitor center is open daily from 8 am to 6 pm.

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